



How Might the Noncommercial Permit System Change?

What We Heard From You Regarding the Waitlist

What People Liked: You get your chance if you hang on long enough.

What People Disliked:

- Wait time is way too long,
- Annual requirements are tedious and time consuming.

What People Agreed On: The waitlist system needs to be overhauled. It is not reasonable to make people wait 13-26 or more years for a permit.



The Waitlist: It Can Be A Long Wait!

Desired Features of a New System:

- New users should have a chance of getting a trip without an unreasonable wait.
- Those who have waited longer should have an increased chance.
- The application processes should be simple and available online.
- The nature of noncommercial trips (self-guided group of friends) should be preserved.

Options for Waitlist Members for Transitioning to New System:

1. Remain on waitlist for up to 5 years with rule changes (transition to the new system will be completed by the 6th year):
 - List all trip members now, further additions will not be allowed.
 - Receive no increase in trip opportunities; new system gets increase plus proportion of old allocation as members leave list.
 - Members can give up their spots, combine their waits, and be listed as a new entry after those who have waited that long.
2. Give up spot and start with one extra chance in the new weighted lottery for each year you have remained on the current waitlist.
3. Give up spot and receive \$150 in compensation or \$200 in transferable credit for use in the permits programs at Grand Canyon within 5 years.

Our Response: The Preferred Alternative

A Weighted Lottery for Groups

A weighted lottery provides unsuccessful applicants with an extra chance in following year's lottery.

How it works:

- Indicate interest up to 24 months in advance through the all-user registration system.
- List acceptable launch dates
- List trip members:
 - Each can be listed on only one application per year.
 - Each is eligible as an alternate trip leader if leader drops out.
- Lottery takes place 1 year in advance and awards launches.

Why Not Exhaust the Waitlist First?

- It could take 13-26+ years using the existing allocation or 7-14+ years with the increased allocation.
- Everyone not on the list would have to be prohibited access until the list was cleared.